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**Remarks**

Claims 1, 4-13, 21-27, and 29 are pending in the application. Claims 1-13 are rejected.

Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled. Claims 14-28 are withdrawn. Claim 29 has been added.

Applicants filed an Amendment on March 29, 2005, which included amendments to several claims in the application. In a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 16, 2005, the Examiner asserted that the Amendment was non-compliant because the listing of claims did not include the proper status identifier for several of the withdrawn claims. In a telephone interview on Tuesday, August 23, 2005, the Examiner explained to the Applicants' representative that the status of each of the withdrawn claims (14-28) should be indicated as either "withdrawn" or "withdrawn - currently amended." Accordingly, Applicants have re-presented the text of all pending claims, and have indicated the proper status of each withdrawn claim. Apart from this correction, the text pertaining to claims 1-29, including amendments thereto, is identical to that of the Amendment dated March 29, 2005.

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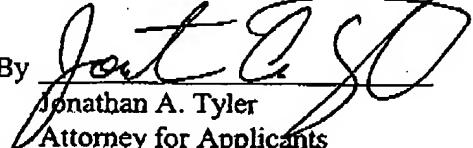
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**Conclusion**

Accordingly, consideration or reconsideration of these claims, as appropriate, is requested and allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully,

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